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Mid-July Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of July showed increases from June for all milk, alfalfa hay, all barley, dry beans, potatoes, and cows. Prices decreased for feed barley, all wheat, beef cattle, steers and heifers, and calves.

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July was 94 based on 1990-92= 100, down 4 points (4.1 percent) from June. Price decreases from June for corn, wheat, hogs, and cattle more than offset price increases for milk, potatoes, oranges, and asparagus. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall index.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, July 1998-July 1999

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		July 1998	June 1999	July 1999 ^{1/}	July 1998	June 1999	July 1999	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	86.00	66.00	88.00	93.40	85.00	82.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.88	2.38	2.51	2.01	1.70	1.73	29
Feed	Bu.	1.94	1.87	1.80	1.62	1.55	1.53	--
Malting	Bu.	3.14	2.80	10/	2.27	1.99	2.11	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	21.40	16.10	16.30	21.30	19.50	19.70	39
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	3.45	5.30	5.85	6.03	6.58	7.51	56
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	2.40	6.10	--	7.34	8.75	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.50	5.10	--	5.01	5.26	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.39	2.74	2.66	2.56	2.50	2.15	22
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	54.10	58.50	58.10	58.40	63.70	62.10	41
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	32.90	35.10	35.70	34.70	36.70	38.20	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	60.40	65.90	64.80	61.00	66.70	64.60	--
Calves	Cwt.	75.00	81.00	77.00	76.60	89.00	88.50	46
Lambs	Cwt.	76.00	81.00	--	81.30	81.30	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	14.10	12.20	13.20	14.20	13.10	7/ 13.60	8/ 46
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	14.10	12.20	--	14.20	13.10	7/ 13.60	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	14.08	12.10	--	14.10	11.90	7/ 13.00	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.52, fluid milk 3.52, mfg grade 3.59. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92= 100	June 1998	July 1998	June 1999		July 1999 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	102	102	98	98	94
Prices Paid	117	116	116	117	116
Ratio ^{1/}	87	88	84	84	81

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Winter Wheat Yield Down From Previous Month

Based on conditions as of August 1, the State's winter wheat yield is forecast at 74.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from the July 1 forecast. Production of 52,540,000 bushels from 710,000 harvested acres is down 17 percent from 1998. Spring wheat yield of 75.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from last month's estimate. Producers are expected to harvest 640,000 acres with a total production of 48,000,000 bushels. Barley yield is down 4.0 bushels from July 1, at 74.0 bushels per acre. Total production of 51,060,000 bushels is expected from the 690,000 harvested acres. Oat yield is down 5.0 bushels from last month at 68.0 bushels per harvested acre. Production from 25,000 acres is expected to total 1,700,000 bushels.

Corn for grain is expected to yield 155.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels from last year. Production of 8,525,000 bushels from 55,000 acres is up 9 percent from 1998. Sugarbeet production of 5,166,000 tons from 210,000 acres is down 6 percent from a year ago. A yield of 24.6 tons is down from last year's 27.1 tons. Dry bean production is expected to total 2,163,000 cwt. from 103,000 harvested acres with a yield of 2,100 pounds per acre (clean basis). All hay production is

estimated at 5,477,000 tons with alfalfa hay accounting for 4,945,000 tons and all other hay expected at 532,000 tons. The expected yield for alfalfa is 4.3 tons per harvested acre, equaling 1998's yield. The yield for all other hay was placed at 1.9 tons per acre, down from 2.3 tons per acre in 1998. Hop producers are expected to harvest 3,371 acres with a yield of 1,380 pounds per acre and production of 4,652,000 pounds. Apple production is estimated at 90 million pounds, down from 170 million pounds in 1998. Prune and plum production is estimated at 3,000 tons, down from last year's 4,500 tons.

Nationally, all wheat production is forecast at 2.31 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 1998 and down 1 percent from July 1. Barley production is forecast at 281 million bushels, down 20 percent from 1998 and 5 percent below July. Oat production is forecast at 162 million bushels, down 3 percent from 1998 but up slightly from July. Dry bean production is forecast at 31.5 million cwt., up 2 percent from last year. Sugarbeet production is expected to total 32.7 million tons, a slight increase from 1998. Corn for grain is forecast at 9.56 billion bushels down 2 percent from last year. All hay production is forecast at 161 million tons, up 6 percent from 1998.

Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production - Idaho & U.S., August 1

CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD		PRODUCTION		1999 AS A PERCENT OF 1998
		1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
		Thousand Acres			Thousands			Percent
IDAHO:								
All Wheat	Bu.	1,280	1,350	80.0	74.5	102,410	100,540	98
Winter Wheat	Bu.	770	710	82.0	74.0	63,140	52,540	83
Spring Wheat ^{1/}	Bu.	510	640	77.0	75.0	39,270	48,000	122
Corn for Grain	Bu.	52	55	150.0	155.0	7,800	8,525	109
Oats	Bu.	30	25	75.0	68.0	2,250	1,700	76
Barley	Bu.	760	690	78.0	74.0	59,280	51,060	86
All Hay	Tons	1,430	1,430	3.88	3.83	5,549	5,477	99
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	1,130	1,150	4.30	4.30	4,859	4,945	102
Sugarbeets	Tons	203	210	27.1	24.6	5,501	5,166	94
Dry Beans ^{2/}	Lbs.	103	103	2,050	2,100	2,112	2,163	102
UNITED STATES:								
All Wheat	Bu.	59,002	54,467	43.2	42.5	2,550,383	2,314,508	91
Winter Wheat	Bu.	40,126	35,609	46.9	47.4	1,880,605	1,688,582	90
Spring Wheat ^{1/}	Bu.	15,148	14,960	34.9	34.2	528,709	512,147	97
Corn for Grain	Bu.	72,604	70,955	134.4	134.7	9,761,085	9,560,919	98
Oats	Bu.	2,765	2,631	60.4	61.6	167,122	162,096	97
Barley	Bu.	5,867	4,834	60.1	58.2	352,445	281,365	80
All Hay	Tons	60,016	62,051	2.52	2.59	151,338	160,769	106
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	23,642	23,968	3.47	3.47	82,010	83,160	101
Sugarbeets	Tons	1,452	1,526	22.5	21.4	32,606	32,679	100
Dry Beans ^{2/}	Lbs.	1,914	1,903	1,611	1,656	30,828	31,506	102

1/ Spring wheat other than durum. 2/ Yield in pounds, production in 1,000 cwt.

Idaho Garden Seed Bean Production and Value

A garden seed bean survey was conducted for the 1998 crop year by the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. A total of 16,000 acres of garden seed beans were harvested in Idaho for

1998. The average yield per harvested acre was 2,060 pounds and production totaled 33.0 million pounds. The farm level value of production was \$13,431,000.

Idaho Garden Seed Bean Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, and Value --1995-1998

Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield	Production	Price	Value
			<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>\$/Cwt</i>	
1995	22,000	1,500	33,000,000	\$35.10	\$11,583,000
1996	25,000	1,660	41,500,000	\$42.60	\$17,679,000
1997	25,000	1,700	42,500,000	\$40.20	\$17,085,000
1998	16,000	2,060	33,000,000	\$40.70	\$13,431,000

Dry Bean Production Increases

Idaho's 1999 dry edible bean production is expected to increase 2.4 percent from last year. Production is forecast at 2.16 million cwt., up from last year's 2.11 million cwt., and slightly higher than 1997. Planted acreage, at 105,000, is unchanged from last year. Yields are expected to average 2,100 pounds per acre, up from last year's 2,050 pounds per acre. Pinto acreage, despite decreasing 29.2 percent from last year, continues to be the leading variety planted in Idaho. Pink beans are second with 19,800 acres, up from last year's 17,600 acres. Plantings of small red beans are 19,600 acres, up from the 13,100 acres planted in 1998. North Idaho's Garbanzo beans were the next leading variety with 11,700 acres planted, up from last year's 10,600 acres. Black Turtle beans totaled 4,800 acres, down from the 5,000 acres planted in 1998.

Nationally, dry edible bean production is expected to total 31.5 million cwt., up 2.2 percent from last year, and up 7.3 percent from 1997. Planted acreage, at 2.0 million acres, decreased 1 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 1.90 million acres is down 1 percent from 1998. Yields are expected to be 1,656 pounds per acre, an increase from the 1,611 pounds per acre achieved last year.

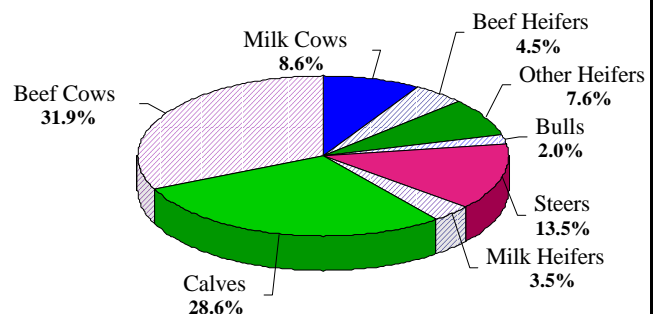
July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 1999, totaled 106.8 million head, 1 percent below the 107.7 million on July 1, 1998, and 2 percent below the 109.2 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.2 million, were 1 percent below the 43.6 million on July 1, 1998 and 2 percent below the 44.1 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 34.1 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 1998 and 2 percent below two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were 1 percent below July 1, 1998 and 2 percent below July 1, 1997.

Idaho Dry Bean Plantings By Variety 1998-1999

Variety	Planted Acreage	
	1998	1999
Navy	1.5	5.6
Great Northern	7.5	6.6
Small White	1.5	2.2
Pinto	44.2	31.3
Light Red Kidney	1.6	0.8
Dark Red Kidney	0.9	1.0
Pink	17.6	19.8
Small Red	13.1	19.6
Cranberry	0.9	1.3
Black Turtle Soup	5.0	4.8
Garbanzo	10.6	11.7
Other Dry Edible Beans	0.6	0.3
All Dry Edible Beans	105.0	105.0

U.S. CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS July 1, 1999



U.S. Dairy Products June 1999 Highlights

Butter production was 90.6 million pounds in June, 29.7 percent above June 1998 and 13.4 percent below May 1999.

American Type Cheese production totaled 296 million pounds, 2.8 percent above June 1998 but 5.9 percent below May 1999.

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 671 million pounds, 4.5 percent above June 1998 but 0.8 percent below May 1999.

Creamed Cottage Cheese production was 30.4 million pounds, 3.2 percent below June 1998 and 2.2 percent below May 1999.

Lowfat Cottage Cheese production was 31.7 million pounds, 0.1 percent above June 1998 and 5.3 percent above May 1999.

Frozen Desserts: (Comparisons with June 1998)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) - 88.3 million gallons, Down 0.7 percent.

Lowfat (total) - 41.9 million gallons, down 7.5 percent.

Nonfat (hard) - 3.34 million gallons, down 14.9 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 5.65 million gallons, up 3.3 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) - 8.75 million gallons, up 6.4 percent.

Dry Milk Products: (Comparisons with June 1998)

Nonfat dry milk

for human food - 123 million pounds, up 23.8 percent.

Dry whole milk - 9.80 million pounds, down 30.7 percent.

Dry buttermilk - 3.31 million pounds, down 3.7 percent.